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1. "Export contingents of sulphuric acid from Poland to other countries of the Soviet bloc have been as follows:

Year	Total exports	(in tons)	Including to:		
			USSR	China	E. Germany
1950	26,000	6,000			15,000
1951	38,000				
1952	45,000		17,000	6,000	
1954	62,000	10,000	33,000	11,000	

2. In Wizow, [sic-possibly Wiazow (Wansen)] near Breslan [sic-possibly Breslau] the regime has completed the construction of a great sulphuric acid plant begun by the Germans during World War II. All equipment (for producing acid from anhydrite) has been received from East Germany, and German specialists have arrived to help in the construction and development of the factory. In 1953, the Wizow plant produced 120,000 tons of sulphuric acid of the total Polish production of some 340,000 tons.
3. Another plant for the production of sulphuric acid from plaster (gypsum) is actually under construction in the vicinity of Busko Zdroj and planned to be in operation at the end of 1955 (which is doubtful). The equipment for it is being supplied by the USSR. Together with the Busko factory, it is planned to achieve an annual production of sulphuric acid in Poland of over 500,000 tons.
4. Raw material for the production of sulphuric acid is supplied from the following places:

- a. Sulphur mines in Czarkow (near Pinczow)
- b. Sulphur mines in Swoszowice (Krakow district)
- c. Pyrite mines (especially Staszic mine, Nowa Wola)
- c. Gypsum quarries in Kielce district, etc.

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